

HONORING GEORGEANN COWLES
EISKAMP

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau's Farmer of the Year for 2017, Ms. Georgeann Cowles Eiskamp. Georgeann owns Cowles Berry Farm, where she and her family grow berries. The Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau selected her for this honor, and presents this award annually to farmers who contribute beyond their normal duties in service to their community.

Born and raised in Watsonville, California, Georgeann graduated from Watsonville High School in 1957 and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University in 1971. In 1999, she returned to Watsonville to work on her father's ranch. During this time, Georgeann learned the farming industry from the ground up, from weeding to bookkeeping. When Georgeann's father passed away in 2006, she took over farming operations at Cowles Berry Farm, making her a 5th generation farmer. In addition to berries, Georgeann has grown Syrah wine grapes and had a successful wine submission at the 2008 Santa Cruz County Fair.

Georgeann is a model of productive civic engagement, and serves her community in a myriad of ways. She serves as the Founding Co-Chair of the Down to Earth Women Luncheon Committee, which raises funds for local agricultural education programs. Additionally, Georgeann currently serves on the Board of Directors for the educational organization Agriculture. This remarkable organization based in Watsonville operates numerous programs that raise awareness about the complexities of the agriculture industry in an easily accessible way. In particular, the "Focus Agriculture" program, a first-in-the-nation program, provides opportunities for community leaders to participate in an intensive program to learn about a broad spectrum of agriculture topics. I had the chance to participate in this award-winning program, and have found the lessons I learned there to be very helpful to me as a member of the House Agriculture Committee. Georgeann is also an active member of the Watsonville Rotary Club and regularly leads fundraising efforts for wonderful causes in her community and around the world. Some of these causes include support for victims of the 2010 Haitian earthquake, new vans for Renaissance High School, and providing medical care and clean water to a village in Peru.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Georgeann Cowles Eiskamp as the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau's 2017 Farmer of the Year. I am sure we will continue to hear more of her great work in the community for years to come.

WELCOMING PRESIDENT MOON
JAE-IN

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome South Korean President Moon Jae-in on his first trip to the United States.

South Korea is one of our staunchest allies and has been an excellent friend to the United States. I recently had the awesome opportunity to visit South Korea and was able to meet with many different government officials to hear more about the issues and concerns that are confronting the region. While there are several pressing concerns facing South Korea, and the region, if we remain committed as allies and friends we will continue to see peace and stability.

I know that President Trump and President Moon will have an excellent, friendly, and productive meeting. I look forward to continuing to support South Korea as a Member of Congress and hope that President Moon enjoys his time in the United States.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID COX, BOY
SCOUTS 2017 DANIEL BOONE VI-
SIONARY AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

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Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a remarkable leader in southern and eastern Kentucky, Mr. David Cox, upon receiving the 2017 Daniel Boone Visionary Award presented by the Boy Scouts of America Daniel Boone Council.

The Daniel Boone Visionary Award was developed to recognize community leaders who make significant contributions to improve the local district, including Whitley, Laurel, Knox, Bell, Clay, Harlan and Jackson counties. The award recipients are recognized for their contributions to economic growth, education and leadership development in our youth.

David Cox is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award due to the tremendous vision and leadership he has exemplified as Superintendent of the Corbin Independent School System. He has dedicated 25 years as an educator and administrator for the Corbin Independent School System and in less than two years at the helm, students are making marked improvements. Currently, the Corbin Independent School System is ranked fourth out of 173 school districts in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, based on the Kentucky Core Content Test, placing the district in the state's 98th percentile for achievement. Additionally, Corbin Redhounds consistently rank among the top in the state for College and Career Readiness preparation and average ACT scores. Not only do they excel in academics, but students achieve incredible success in arts and athletics as they rank among the state elite each year as well.

Mr. Cox continues to lead his high performing students and staff by living the school's motto: "Striving to be the Best!" He has worked diligently to ensure students in our

region have access to the most innovative technology, advanced facilities and the very best opportunities for education.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the outstanding contributions that David Cox has made in educating our future leaders in southern and eastern Kentucky, and the inspiration and drive he instills in them to give back to their communities—a core mission of the Boy Scouts. Congratulations to David Cox on receiving the 2017 Daniel Boone Visionary Award.

RECOGNIZING CINDA KLINKNA

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cinda Klickna, a friend, educator, public servant, and president of the Illinois Education Association. After a long and successful career, Cinda will be retiring later this year.

Cinda's career began in Springfield, Illinois, where she taught high school English and Advanced Placement Literature. In 1997, she was awarded the Illinois State Genealogical Society Community Service Award for her classroom's research of an abandoned cemetery at Lake Sangchris.

After leaving the classroom, Cinda started with the IEA as a legislative intern, working with the late State Senator Vince Demuzio, State Representative Richard Reilly, and State Senator Terry Bruce. Before becoming an IEA officer, Cinda served on the IEA Board of Directors, the National Education Association Board of Directors, and as president of the Springfield Education Association. Additionally, she has chaired committees on Partnerships for Educational Innovation and the Legislative Committee for the IEA, as well as the Membership Services and Affiliate Relationships for the NEA.

Cinda has been recognized as the first teacher to serve as the chair of the Education Committee for the Greater Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and her public service has extended to membership on United Way Board.

I am honored to recognize Cinda's accomplishments and her dedication to education and the Illinois Education Association. Best wishes for a happy retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRENDA
WOOD

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Brenda B. Wood, a premier broadcast journalist, one of the best in our region, who has been a newsmaker and news breaker in the Atlanta metro area since 1988. She decided to retire this year after dedicating over 40 years to her career, but I understand she will be returning to the small screen to work on special creative projects. We want to pay tribute to her as she moves into this next phase of her contribution to metropolitan Atlanta.